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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 07645

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, UN, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SHEVCHENKO CASE: SOVIET PRESS REPORTS INCIDENT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ALL SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS APRIL 13  
CARRY IDENTICAL TWO SENTENCE REPORT ON SHEVCHENKO DEFEC-  
TION ENTITLED "A PROVOCATION OF THE AMERICAN SPECIAL  
SERVICES." THE PIECE IS A TASS-NEW YORK APRIL 12 DATE-  
LINE AND WAS APPARENTLY NOT CARRIED ON THE TASS ENGLISH  
WIRE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY (FULL TEXT BELOW FOR  
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CONVENIENCE OF ADDRESSEES). NO REFERENCE TO THE CASE HAS  
BEEN MADE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ON EITHER DOMESTIC RADIO OR TV.  
WE NOTE AP ITEM REPORTING SMUN OFFICIAL AS SAYING  
V. L. ISRAELYAN, CHIEF OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
DEPARTMENT, WILL SUCCEED SHEVCHENKO.

2. TEXT OF TASS REPORT FOLLOWS: AS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE

USSR'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DISAPPEARANCE RECENTLY OF THE SOVIET CITIZEN A. N. SHEVCHENKO WHO WORKS IN THE UN SECRETARIAT SHOW EVIDENCE (SVIDETEL'STVUYUT) THAT THIS IS A PREMEDITATED PROVOCATION ORGANIZED BY THE AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES. A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS ABOUT THE INCIDENT WITH SHEVCHENKO WITH THE OBJECT OF COVERING UP THE UNSEEMLY ACTIVITIES OF THESE SERVICES. END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: WITH VOA AND BBC, AMONG OTHER FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS, GIVING PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE CASE, THE SOVIETS WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE TO RESPOND AND EXPLAIN THE DEFECTION TO THE SOVIET POPULACE WHO WILL BE HEARING WESTERN NEWS ACCOUNTS FIRST AND SECOND HAND.

4. THE TASS ITEM SEEMS LIKE A HOLDING ACTION WHILE THE FULL "LINE" IS DEVELOPED FOR SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATION. IT PUTS ALL ON NOTICE, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WILL BE BLAMED FOR THE AFFAIR IN ANY CASE. TOON

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